




What are we learning this term?

Term 1 2024-2025


We are absolutely delighted to welcome in our new set of P7 pupils. This final year of school will be fun packed and full of leadership opportunities and special events for both classes to enjoy. We look forward to making special memories with our young people!!! This year the PE days are Tuesday and Thursday for P7W and Thursday and Friday for P7LM. We would like to remind all pupils to bring PE kit on these days and that jewellery must be removed. You can find out more information about the forthcoming year at *Meet the Teacher* event on the 11th of September. All P7 pupils will be regularly sharing their own posts on Learning Journals, giving you an opportunity to see the excellent work undertaken in class. Please contact the office if you require a reminder of login details.

Language and Literacy




In Term 1 we will be reading the novel 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. Through our class novel, learners will be supported to develop their use of the six Active Literacy reading strategies - metalinguistics, inference, summarising, prior knowledge, main ideas and visualisation. The children will also be encouraged to read for enjoyment on a regular basis. We will focus primarily on persuasive and discursive writing this term using topical subjects such as school uniform, animal captivity and social media as inspiration. As part of a whole school approach P7 will be using a wraparound spelling programme. We will be starting each week with 6 root words and learning to 'grow' these words to widen our vocabulary. We will be using the words in context, breaking the words into syllables and sorting parts of speech in our spelling blocks.

Numeracy




This term we will be focussing primarily on number processes – place value of both whole and decimal numbers, rounding of whole numbers and decimal numbers, the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and applying this knowledge to mathematical word problems. In addition, concepts will be consistently revised through daily maths challenges and use of Sumdog and Top Marks (Daily 10 & Hit the Button) which can also be accessed at home. Additionally, we will be completing a unit of measure calculating both the area and perimeter of shapes. Converting between common units of measurement using decimal notation.

Health



PE- We have the athletics championships to prepare for so this term we will focus on running and events such as the triple jump, javelin etc.
Core Health - In Term 1 our focus in Health & Wellbeing will be self-esteem, regulating our emotions, friendship and bullying, which are also addressed in our novel study. Linked to the human body unit we will be examining ways to keep our body healthy, studying the effects of smoking/vaping, understanding the role of food advertising in consumerism etc.
Duties – We are delighted to see how well the children have embraced their new responsibilities and duties, becoming positive role models to the rest of the school.

Contexts for Learning



To begin the term, learners are working on the mini topic 'Genetics & Inheritance' where they are exploring inherited and non-inherited characteristics, genes and variation. Our main IDL context this term is 'The Human Body'. We will explore different body systems (respiratory, circulatory and skeletal) through engaging discussions and practical experiments as well as conducting personal research on related health conditions and how to prevent them. As part of Lainshaw PS commitment to being an inclusive school our pupils will be learning British Sign Language.

